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Personnel and Administration of Object 9

1. On 1 April 1958, the shafts of Object 2 which were still in operation were combined with the operating shafts of Object 9. The headquarters of Object 9 are in Aue, and all the following operating shafts are in the Niederschlema area: 38; 66; 207; 250; Kombinat 366 with Shafts 186, 296, and 366; and the Winding Shafts (Foerderschaechte) 310 and 312.
2. Since mid-1957, German shaft chiefs have been installed at all shafts. Only the chief engineer, chief geophysicist, chief geologist, and chief of technical control (OTK) are Soviet, but these Soviet officials have final authority over their sections. Likewise, in the Object administration all section chief positions are filled by Germans, but in each section there are several Russian advisers.
3. Total personnel of Object 9 amounts to approximately 15,000, including those in the administration and the workshops. Approximate personnel strength of the individual shafts are as follows: Shaft 38 - 3,000; Shaft 66 - 2,500; Shaft 207 - 2,500; Shaft 250 - 1,500; Kombinat 366 - 3,000; and the Winding Shafts 310 and 12 - 500.

Ore Mining at Shaft 66, Object 9

4. Shaft 66 is divided into 7 mining areas (Abbaureviere) worked by 12 to 14 brigades of 12 to 16 men each. The work is done on the 240-m. to 260-m. levels. The levels above belong to Shaft 186 in which mining operations begun in 1958 were discontinued. The levels below, down to the 540-m. level, are worked from Shaft 366.
5. The daily production of Shaft 66 is 450 to 500 boxes of ore, of these, there are approximately 15 to 20 boxes which weigh over 100 kg. for which 75 to 100 DME are paid. The uranium content of the ore in these boxes amounts to 0.5% to 0.1%. Twelve to 50 DME are paid for 100 to 150 boxes daily; these boxes contain high-grade ore but it is mixed with barren rock. Three to 6 DME are paid for about 300 boxes; this is ore of poor quality. In addition, active material is transported to the surface in mine cars and divided into Sorten I-III.

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6. The boxed ore is transported in trucks to Bruennlasberg for dressing. Each truck, carrying 60 boxes, is driven by a German and escorted by a heavily-armed German policeman. Only one concentrate is produced at the ore-dressing plant in Bruennlasberg; it is transported from there by truck in the direction of Schneeberg-Zwickau. These trucks are driven by and guarded by Soviet soldiers. The active material is transported without guard to the Aue railroad station and from there by freight train to the ore dressing plant at Crossen near Zwickau.

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